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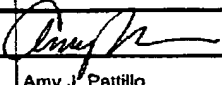
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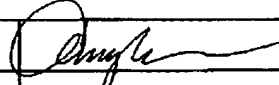
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Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4.

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